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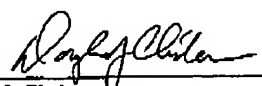
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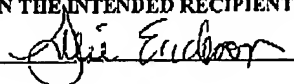
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AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of October 21, 2005, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Claims
- B. Remarks

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